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MILTON J. FERGUSON, State Librarian, Chief

LIBRARY FUND.

The biennial income of \$325,700 is the largest in the history of the library. An item of \$4,200 which was included to secure the services of the curator of the Indian museum should be deducted to give the true support of this division. During the last ten or fifteen years spent in the cramped quarters of the Capitol it was clear, even to the interested layman, that the work of the library was increasing rapidly. Under the California system of operation the part played by the state is highly important. To keep up with the demands which could in logic and reason be placed upon the State Library two things were necessary—more books and a larger staff. Those inadequate rooms in the old building were usually the excuse for failure to approve a more generous fund. And indeed that often reiterated slogan, "Wait until you are in your new building," held much good sense. In 1929 the library had been enjoying its new home for the better part of a year. The increase in the fund approved by the Budget Board was not based upon a close study of the institution under different conditions, and did not take into account the retardation of its logical growth during the preceding decade, nor of the possibilities of state-wide service easily to be justified on the score both of convenience and also of economy. An arbitrary percentage of increase was allowed.

It is to be hoped that in the fixing of the fund for the years 1931-1933 a careful investigation may be made of the need for substantial increases in items for the following purposes: (1) Books. It is poor economy for the state to maintain this division and withhold the few additional thousands of dollars which would enable it to provide special books for the students of the whole state, thereby relieving the local libraries of the burden of purchasing volumes of infrequent use. (2) Staff. In a new building, whether public or private, it is seldom that the old staff is sufficient. The regular increase in the work, now spread out in rooms carefully planned and arranged for their several purposes, adds to the difficulty. Several additions to the staff should be made, so that the public, both in Sacramento and throughout the state, may have the service the library is so capable of giving. (3) Salary increases. The members of the staff who have borne the heat and burden of the day should be rewarded by receiving increases in their compensation in harmony with the salaries paid in other professional activities comparable in preparation and responsibility.

THE NEW HOME.

Occupancy of the new building for the biennium under consideration has been sufficient to prove the soundness of its planning from a professional library point of view, and to make sure the joy in its

architectural beauties. It has proven itself well adapted to the use of books and the accommodation of both staff and public. It is so arranged and constructed as to be a pleasant dwelling place in winter and in summer. Visitors, whether laymen or librarians, are alike enthusiastic in its praise. If it were to be replanned immediately no reason has been found for making any except the most minor changes in its arrangement.

One of the sad happenings just before the building was occupied was the sudden death of its architect, Charles Peter Weeks. His fine artistic skill and judgment, and his readiness to work with the interests which had to do with the structures, resulted in the group which now graces the Capitol grounds. It is very pleasant to record the gift by his widow of his architectural library. Very fittingly these books which knew his touch are now housed in the building he created, and will long be used by members of his craft in planning finer things.

A. L. A. MEETS IN CALIFORNIA.

In 1915 the American Library Association met in Berkeley during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Since that date California librarians have looked forward to another visit from the members of the association. During the last fifteen years much development has taken place in the so-called California system. Our outstanding feature of library service is to be found, of course, in the forty-six counties which have adopted this modern method of book distribution. As most of the other states throughout the nation have much the same problem in their villages and country areas that confronted us in 1909, the eastern visitors were anxious to inspect the work in all its phases. The conference was held in Los Angeles late in June, and, with an attendance of over 2100, was the third largest in the history of the A. L. A.

The librarians of the state were united in their effort to do all things possible to give pleasure to our guests and to make the convention a success. Los Angeles is particularly rich in libraries; the city, the county, and the Huntington systems were all inspected under favorable conditions. During the week the Los Angeles County Library conducted four parties over wide tours into different parts of its territory. Few other conferences have permitted of the same variety of experience enjoyed by the members who came to the 1930 meeting and it is pleasant to record that great satisfaction was openly expressed.

After the close of the meeting in Los Angeles many of the visitors took advantage of the opportunity to see other places. Many of them paid a call on the State Library, where the new building was a source of great interest. It was gratifying to librarian and staff that without exception these guests were warm in their praise of this structure, its arrangements, its convenience, its finish and its decorations.

A FOREIGN VENTURE.

While the time the librarian spent doing a library survey in South Africa, Rhodesia and Kenya Colony was on leave of absence, it seems fitting to say a word here about that experience. Library conditions

in that great continent are in no respect comparable to those in the United States. The reading population down there is very small, the non-reading population very large, distances are great, and funds for this service small and hard to secure. A few of the cities have fair collections, but the arrangement of the work is of an earlier age. The Europeans, as the white people are generally designated, even though they were born in Africa, are educated and intelligent; they have merely not turned their attention intensively toward library problems. Under the conditions which have prevailed this lack of interest is readily understandable.

The results of the visit may not be immediately discernible. However, the attention of people and government was for a time focused upon the subject. Some information about library progress in other countries was disseminated. A plan, more or less ideal, was drawn up and approved by an assembly nationally representative. A library association was organized, and through its efforts the need for better libraries will be kept before the public.

One can not have such an experience without being grateful for the opportunity given him to see something of a far-away land and to help spread information about a service in whose influence he has unbounded faith.

STATUARY HALL COMMISSION.

This Commission consists of five members, four of whom are appointed by the Governor. The fifth member, the state librarian, is named by the act which called the Commission into being. The membership of this body is as follows:

Judge John F. Davis, chairman, San Francisco.
Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, vice chairman, Berkeley.
Miss Grace S. Stoermer, secretary, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Frank A. Gibson, Los Angeles.
Milton J. Ferguson, Sacramento.

The Commission held several meetings during the biennium. It called to the attention of sculptors the purpose for which it had been created. Sketch models were asked of seven artists, and were helpful in determining what action should be taken. After some deliberation the Commission selected Mr. Haig Patigian of San Francisco to do the statue of Thomas Starr King, and Mr. Ettore Cadorin of Santa Barbara to do that of Junipero Serra. Both figures are to be in bronze, and as this report is being submitted were being cast at a foundry in Los Angeles. They should be placed in position in Statuary Hall in Washington by January 1, 1931.

Upon the completion of these two figures and their installation in Washington no other work will confront the Commission, and it will go out of existence. The two Californians chosen to represent the state in this national assembly were selected by the legislature.

It is sad to record that Judge Davis, whose interest and enthusiasm in this project knew no bounds, died in San Francisco on May 3, 1930. His service in behalf of the State of California set a standard of devotion which will not soon be excelled.

STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD.

In December, 1928, Governor Young appointed a State Geographic Board consisting of the following members: Tracy I. Storer, University Farm, Davis, chairman; Arthur M. Ellis, Los Angeles; Francis Farquhar, San Francisco; Eleanor Hitt, San Diego County Library; Sarah E. McCardle, Fresno County Library. Since much of the work of this Board was closely related to some State Library activities, the Board was placed informally under our direction. The slight expense for printing and postage has been taken care of from the State Library fund. A report from the chairman will be found at the end of this report.

The State Library wishes to record its pleasure in its connection with this Board and an interest in its aims and accomplishments.

A LIBRARY CARAVAN.

One of the activities of the county librarian which has had so great an influence in the development of the work has been her practice of visiting every part of the county. This personal contact, so lacking in the operation of traveling collections, gives a first-hand knowledge upon which may be built a great structure. Some of the librarians who have realized the worth of such experience wondered if a wider survey might not benefit them individually and give them facts which would be very useful. Accordingly, on September 23, 1929, early in the morning, four automobiles assembled in front of the State Library building, and set forth upon a 900-mile trip into the northern part of the state. Twelve persons composed the starting party, whose personnel increased and changed as the journey progressed. Visits were made to Sutter, Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou, Trinity, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa and Yolo counties in the order listed. Everywhere the caravan was received with the utmost hospitality, libraries were inspected and acquaintance was deepened, all of which will make for more effective service. This first experiment of the kind should be followed by other trips into other parts of the state, until finally every county librarian, at least, will know the whole system from personal visit.

VISITORS.

It is a pleasure to make record of several interesting visitors to the library during the past two years.

Dr. Norman F. Black, President of the British Columbia Library Commission, spent some time with us studying the California library system in anticipation of new library developments in his own province. He visited several county libraries before returning home.

Mme. Anna Kravtchenko, Commissariat of Education, Department of Adult Education, Moscow, Russia, spent several days at the State Library and visited many county libraries during a trip to California. She was intensely interested in our library system and proved to be an earnest and enthusiastic investigator. She has started service on lines similar to California's since her return to Russia.

Mathew M. Stirling, librarian of the Public Library, Germiston, South Africa, was a visitor in August, 1929. His interest in California was especially keen on account of the recent survey of South

African libraries made by Mr. Pitt of Glasgow and Mr. Ferguson of California.

Miss Annika Mannerheim of Sweden made all too brief a visit in the early part of this year. She had been for a year in an American library to secure experience in the methods used in this country. She felt she could not return to Sweden without seeing something of California, and the California library system.

Miss Margaret Demchevsky, Library Organizer in the Ministry of Education in Bulgaria, the only trained librarian in that country, spent several days in Sacramento during May of this year. Her charming personality no less than her intelligent interest in California library work will make for her a permanent place in our memory. She has a big task before her in developing library service in Bulgaria. That she is equal to it none of us who met her can doubt.

I have made mention here only of those visitors who came on definite library missions from countries outside our own. It would be beyond the limits of this report to tell of the many interested groups and individuals, both librarians and others, from our own country who have been shown our building and our work during the past two years. All of them have given us pleasure in their interest in our work and their admiration for our building. To those from abroad, however, we feel we may have given something of value from our experience and we are encouraged in that hope by the words of Miss Demchevsky, who in a radio talk before leaving the state expressed herself so kindly thus: "And here I would like to render my tribute * * * to the librarians who have laid aside their work while they paused in their service to their own people to render the kindest service I have ever known to me, the stranger within the doors. * * *

"And last, but not least, I wish to thank you for the renewed courage this visit has brought me to continue my efforts for the development of the libraries in my own country."

STAFF.

Milton J. Ferguson, Librarian.

Mabel R. Gillis, Assistant Librarian and Head of Books for the Blind Department.

Herbert V. Clayton, Law and Legislative Reference Librarian.

Eudora Garoutte, Head of California Department.

Alice J. Haines, Head of Documents Department.

Mrs May Dexter Henshall, County Library Organizer.

Dora M. Himmelsbach, in charge of Periodicals and Binding.

Wm. H. Lugg, Head of Shipping, Repairs, etc., Department.

Beulah Mumm, Reference Librarian.

Ida G. Munson, Head of Catalog Department.

Myrtle Ruhl, in charge of Order Department.

Bertha S. Taylor, in charge of Prints Department.

Margaret Bennett, Typist.

Mrs Gwendolyn Brannely, Stenographer.

Helen M. Bruner, Assistant, Sutro Branch, San Francisco.

Sarah Carder, Assistant.

Helen Clayton, Assistant.

Evelyn Cooper, Assistant.

Helen Cornell, Assistant.

Mrs Marjorie M. Degner, Assistant.

Margaret Dennison, Assistant, Sutro Branch, San Francisco.

Mrs Marguerite Walker Duggins, Stenographer.

Kate M. Foley, Home Teacher of the Blind, 146 McAllister st., San Francisco.

Minnie L. Gee, Typist.

Zilla Grant, Assistant.

Ena Harmon, Assistant.

Lyndall Harmon, Assistant.

Dorothy Hill, Assistant.

Mrs Alicia Manning Hook, Assistant.

Florence Lamb, Bookkeeper.

Rachel Look, Assistant.

Wm. G. Lyons, Senior Clerk.

Helen M. Maughmer, Assistant.
Helen Mayden, Assistant.
D. Florence Montfort, Assistant.
Catharine J. Morrison, Home Teacher
of the Blind, 951 S. Kenmore ave., Los
Angeles.

Lorine Norman, Assistant.
Vera Palermo, Assistant.
Wyman Pease, Shelf Curator.
Irene E. Ryan, Assistant.
Lilian Sargent, Assistant.
Irma M. Schoepflin, Assistant.
Elyse Schultz, Assistant.
Blanche L. Shadle, Assistant.
William T. Simmons, Assistant.
Lily M. Tilden, Assistant.
Mrs Bessie Herrman Twaddle, Indexer.
Mrs Julia M. Waldron, Assistant.
Caroline Wenzel, Assistant.
Margaret Cox Downing, Book Repairer.
Helen Dobson, Book Repairer.
Mrs Mae Hoskin, Book Repairer.

Mrs Gladys N. Richards, Book Re-
pairer.

Arthur Valine, Book Marker.
Wm. Crowe, Assistant Shipping Clerk.
Harlo Whipple, Assistant Shipping
Clerk.

Nancy Anderson, Messenger.
John Heinrich, Messenger.
George J. Miller, Messenger.
Forrest Stead, Messenger.
Walter Stevens, Messenger.
Charles Umland, Part-time Messenger,
Sutro Branch, San Francisco.

Paul Umland, Part-time Messenger,
Sutro Branch, San Francisco.

John B. Byrne, Janitor.

J. L. Foss, Janitor.

Wm. Jones, Janitor.

G. A. Klees, Janitor.

Dominick Meo, Janitor.

Jacob Misfelt, Janitor.

Harry A. Simons, Elevator Operator.

The following persons have been on the staff of the library during
the period covered by this report but are not now in our service:

Doris V. Atherton, Temporary Assist-
ant, Sutro Branch, San Francisco.

Gladys M. Bowles, Assistant.

Helen E. Braddock, Library Aid.

Mrs Ina Brosseau, Book Repairer.

Ella A. Clark, Indexer.

Mrs Florence Clarke, Temporary Book
Repairer.

Mrs Lenore W. Davidson, Library Aid.

Newell Davies, Messenger, Sutro
Branch, San Francisco.

Dorothy Deming, Assistant.

Anne Lee S. Dodson, Temporary Ste-
nographer.

Dorothy Earl, Temporary Assistant.

Ruth Ferguson, Temporary Assistant.

Edith Gantt, Library Visitor.

Marion Knotts, Library Aid.

Elmer Laine, Messenger.

Myrtle Lugg, Temporary Book Re-
pairer.

Kathryn Mainich, Temporary Book-
Repairer.

Mrs June V. McCaffery, Typist.

Anna G. McNamee, Assistant, Sutro
Branch, San Francisco.

Margaret Miller, Assistant, Sutro
Branch, San Francisco.

Addalbert Morris, Shipping Clerk.

Elizabeth O'Brien, Temporary Typist,
Sutro Branch, San Francisco.

Antonio A. P. Rosa, Temporary Jani-
tor.

Stanley Schlademan, Shipping Clerk.

Irma Schultz, Temporary Typist, Sutro
Branch, San Francisco.

Ralph Scott, Shipping Clerk.

Dora Smith, Temporary Assistant.

Mrs Frances L. Smith, Stenographer.

Ernest Taylor, Temporary Part-time
Help.

Harold Breithaupt, Temporary Laborer.

H. F. Fontaine, Temporary Laborer.

Arthur E. Hicks, Temporary Laborer.

Frank Kenney, Temporary Laborer.

Leslie Toy, Temporary Laborer.

Charles Woolston, Temporary Laborer.

Joe Kisber, Temporary Elevator Oper-
ator.

W. C. Miller, Temporary Elevator
Operator.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND DEPARTMENT.

Mabel R. Gillis, in charge.

We have continued to buy all the useful titles issued for the blind
and have subscribed to new magazines as soon as they have been
started. Notable among recent additions to periodical literature for the
blind is the Reader's Digest. The entire ink print edition is put into
Braille, thus enabling the blind to secure some of the most interesting
articles from the magazines and to discuss them with their seeing friends
who have the same material available. We have a long list of readers who
receive the Reader's Digest in turn. The price of \$20 per year makes

the purchase of many copies impossible. The first year we subscribed for one copy and were given one copy each month by a borrower. This year we have increased our subscription to two, making three copies available for lending.

It is impossible in this report to mention all those individuals and organizations who have increased our collection for the blind by their generous gifts of books. Nor can we mention by name those who transcribe by hand so many useful and enjoyable books, which come to us through the kindness of the various chapters of the American Red Cross, the Women Volunteers of Oakland and individual transcribers. The binding of these hand-copied books has become a very large part of the work of our State Library repair department.

The Head of the Department acted as chairman of the American Library Association Committee on Work with the Blind for 1929-1930. Both home teachers have attended meetings of national societies of workers for the blind. Miss Foley attended the meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind at Lake Wawasee, Indiana, in 1929, and had an important part on the program. In June of this year she attended the meeting of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind at Vancouver, Washington, again giving a paper on home teaching.

News Notes, giving the report of the Books for the Blind Department and the list of books added, is a reprint each quarter from News Notes of California Libraries. This is sent to all blind borrowers and to all other libraries for the blind. Some other pieces of publicity this biennium have been: Ten radio talks, given by Miss Foley on Saturday afternoons during 1929, under the title, "Bringing Light to the Seeing"; an article on the work of this department written by Miss Gillis for the United States Daily; attendance at the State Fair in September, 1929, by Miss Foley in connection with the State Department of Social Welfare to show the assistance the State Library gives to blind people.

Statistical Report, July 1, 1928-June 30, 1930

Books, etc., added	3,591
Books lost, discarded, etc.	85
Total books, etc.	25,693
Borrowers added	327
Borrowers lost by death	102
Total borrowers	2,956
Circulation	67,470

Home Teaching Statistics, July 1, 1928-June 30, 1930

Pupils graduated	157
Still carried	217
Total number of lessons given	4,820
Visits and calls paid in interests of the work	1,470
Visits received in interests of the work	366
Clubs, organizations, etc., addressed	40

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT.

Eudora Garoutte, in charge.

During this biennium much time has been consumed in unpacking, arranging and putting into order the large amount of material which had been in storage for many years due to lack of space in our previous

quarters in the Capitol. The availability of this material has greatly enlarged the facilities of this department in its reference work.

The revision and interfiling of two parts of our newspaper index previously in two alphabets was undertaken during this period and was completed after several months, as the work on it could not be continuous. This has made this already valuable tool even more useful.

An inventory has been taken of all rare California books and of the collection of California fiction. The rare books, in early years marked with a white label, have now been numbered and starred in gold, adding much to their appearance and bringing them into closer conformity with the rest of the collection.

California duplicates, books, magazines and newspapers have been carefully checked, their listing has been completed and it has been possible now to arrange them so that they are easily available.

Progress has been made on the mounting of pictures, several hundred unmounted ones having been placed on mounts and listed during these two years.

The maps have been filed in the new map cases and considerable time has been spent in improving the arrangement and putting the collection into better working order.

One of the most important pieces of new work is that on the many large collections of pioneer letters and original manuscripts. Each item is placed in a folder and three cards are made for it—a collection card, a chronological card and a name card. These folders are filed in dust-proof manuscript boxes, between sixty and seventy to a box. About six thousand items have now been handled in this manner and no estimate can be made as yet as to how many thousand still remain to be processed. The system adopted is proving very workable.

The passage of an old age pension law for California has brought a daily flood of letters to the California Department for information concerning citizenship, age and length of residence in the state of various applicants. This information often can not be found elsewhere and must be sought in the State Library collection of great registers of voters, the largest collection of this material in existence.

Along the usual lines of work many new bibliographies have been compiled and a great amount of research work done for those at a distance, the desired information being sent by mail. Research workers and writers in ever increasing numbers have made exhaustive use of our resources at the library, some returning many times and others pursuing their work continuously for several weeks.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT.

Ida G. Munson, in charge.

Number of books cataloged.....	10,796
Number of cards added to catalogs.....	79,673
Continuations added.....	4,404
Cards filed in Union Catalog.....	183,151
Cards received for Union Catalog.....	212,671

DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT.

Alice J. Haines, in charge.

The department has received, entered and filed 47,702 government publications, and has distributed to libraries 21,927 California state

publications. Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin and other lists have been checked regularly, documents material requested and much valuable material has been received.

We are happy to note the increased use of the department by readers and research workers and their satisfaction in the special facilities of the new building.

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Herbert V. Clayton, in charge.

When the biennium opened this department was on the move from its old quarters on the first floor of the Capitol to its new quarters in the State Library Building. At that time almost one-third of its book collection—a gradual accumulation of years—was in storage in boxes and on shelves in the basement of the new building and was not accessible for current use. Since then these books have been unboxed, sorted, arranged and shelved in their proper places along with the remainder of our book collection. Subsequently much of our collection that is shelved on the ninth and tenth floors of the main book stack was shifted in order to distribute space for future growth. Our book collection is now much more accessible than it was two years ago. It is a joy to be able to have ready access to the books.

The following table shows the total local charges, renewals, shipments and circulation for each of the last four bienniums:

<i>Biennium</i>	<i>Local charges</i>	<i>Renewals</i>	<i>Shipments</i>	<i>Circulation</i>
1922-1924-----	4,970	no separate record	1,196	6,166
1924-1926-----	4,816	282	1,444	6,542
1926-1928-----	5,488	344	1,606	7,438
1928-1930-----	5,838	395	2,080	8,313
Totals-----	21,112	1,021	6,326	28,459

As will be noticed from the right-hand column of the above table, there has been a steady growth of total circulation from one biennium to another.

A check just made of our shelves and charging file indicates that we have on hand in this department 60,544 separate volumes—pamphlets not being counted—located as follows:

Reading room-----	6,105
7th floor of stack-----	1,467
9th floor of stack-----	19,601
10th floor of stack-----	33,371
Total-----	60,544

A rough classification of the above is as follows:

American law reports, digests, etc.-----	14,374
Miscellaneous law reports, digests, etc.-----	3,246
Foreign law reports, digests, etc.-----	6,608
American statutory material-----	6,779
Foreign statutory material-----	3,292
Textbooks -----	6,969
Periodicals -----	3,337

Records and briefs (bound volumes only)-----	8,147
Trials -----	649
Books in locked alcoves-----	2,018
Oversized books (periodicals not included here)-----	414
Miscellaneous books-----	4,711
Total-----	60,544

During the month of January, 1930, some thirty-five hundred of our leather-bound books were repaired and oiled. We expect that this work will materially lengthen the life and usefulness of those volumes.

The cases in the basement wherein are filed our stock of legislative bills, resolutions and chapters for legislative reference use have been full and overflowing since before we moved to the new building. The 1921 bills and resolutions are bundled up outside of the cases in the east room in the basement. The 1929 bills, resolutions and chapters are on the open shelves on the ninth floor of the main book stack. In order to take care of the present overflow and of future growth the capacity of the filing cases in the east room in the basement should be doubled.

The amount of time that must be devoted to the checking, sorting, arranging, entering and filing of current receipts of unbound California appellate and supreme court records and briefs is steadily increasing, as is also the time devoted to the preparing of the same for the bindery. During the biennium 1926-1928 we prepared for the bindery 305 volumes of California court records, while during the biennium of 1928-1930 the number was increased to 481 volumes, and the prospect for the biennium 1930-1932 is for a still larger number.

The current volumes of legal periodicals have been bound as they have been completed. There is much material, however, that should be bound as soon as it can be prepared—notably the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals records and briefs and a large number of paper-bound volumes of *Coleccion legislativa de Espana*. There is also a large number of volumes that need to be rebound.

When Miss Ray was connected with this department she segregated some seventy-five of our very early, rare and valuable law books, with the idea that the department might sometime have a special case with a locked glass door in which to display them in its reading room. Recently we have added to most of these a lower binder's label bearing the date of publication and have arranged them in chronological order according to dates of publication. Of this collection there are three sixteenth century publications, twenty-one seventeenth century and thirty-two eighteenth century. One is largely a facsimile reprint of a fifteenth century publication. A number of our early English law reports should be transferred to this collection, which is now shelved in one of the locked alcoves in the main book stack.

During the biennium the head of this department has devoted considerable time to the compilation of *American Library Laws*, which is now in the course of publication. Miss Ruth Ferguson has ably assisted with the work connected with the publication.

Miss Grant prepared on cards a chronological list of our Massachusetts statutory material and it is filed in a logical place in the card

catalog of the department. It is designed to facilitate the location of early Massachusetts statutory material and to render unnecessary the purchase of additional items for some of our sets of the same—the various sets being decidedly overlapping as to sessions, etc., covered.

Prior to the 1929 session of the legislature we prepared the usual “Handbook of Information for the Use of the Members of the California Legislature.” Subsequent thereto a card directory was made of California state officials, special investigating committees, governors of other states and territories, and of the President’s cabinet, and this directory has been kept up to date.

The 1929 legislature made provision for the legislative counsel bureau to handle the side-noting and indexing of the 1929 statutes. We did, however, prepare a rough index on cards of the 1929 chapters and resolution chapters as they were signed and numbered and had this for our own use until the bound volume appeared.

Some time has been devoted to the preparation of new bibliographies and to the bringing of old bibliographies down to date. The bibliography on state constitutional conventions was revised and typed and copies thereof were sent to the members of the state constitutional convention commission. The bibliography on statutes and codes was revised and typed and copies thereof were sent to the members of the state commission on the revision of laws.

We receive frequent telephone calls and other requests for citations to the various volumes and the pages thereof where current California cases are to be found. Frequently those making such requests have only the title of the case the citation of which is desired. Prior to 1928 we obtained this information from the current quarterly cumulative supplements to part three of Shepard’s “California Citations.” In that year, however, the quarterly cumulative supplements to part three were discontinued. In order to save ourselves the arduous and time-killing labor of running down each case separately as requested we devised a card form upon which each case is entered from the first publication of it that we receive. As the case is later on published in other sets the additional citations are noted on the same card. Each card also bears the case number or numbers. Thus each card gives us a reference to all volumes in which that particular case is reported, and it also gives us the case numbers under which the records and briefs therefor are filed.

Congressional bills and resolutions are sorted and arranged as received and are then filed flat on open shelves on the seventh floor of the main book stack, where they are readily accessible for current use. At the beginning of each Congress the bills of the preceding Congress are tied in bundles and filed with those of former Congresses on the tenth floor of the main book stack.

Legislative bills are received from a few of the other states during their legislative sessions, but there is very little demand for them and we do not have the force necessary properly to arrange and file them so that they are readily available. It would probably be less expensive and more satisfactory in the long run to wire for special bills as they are desired than to endeavor to sort and arrange them.

Copy for the article on California appearing in the “Statesman’s Yearbook” has been revised annually.

Current files of enrolled bills of our own legislature were kept throughout the 1929 session. As enrolled bills were signed by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State our copies were marked so as to show the chapter numbers assigned and one set was kept in chapter number order. The other set so marked was bound in bill number order following the session.

Besides the usual additions to the collection by purchase and gift the following classes are worthy of note:

- Bar associations' reports and bulletins;
- Items of statutory law and statutory regulations of British colonies and dependencies in the Americas—including West Indian possessions and the Falkland Islands off the southeast coast of South America;
- Palestine legislation, 1918 to 1928;
- Northern Ireland public general acts and statutory rules and orders, 1921 to 1928;
- Irish Free State public statutes, 1922 to 1928;
- Coleccion legislativa de España, Legislacion v. 64 (1919, v. 1) to v. 116 (1929, v. 4);
- Hong Kong Ordinances, 1924 to 1928;
- Southern Rhodesia high court reports (Africa), 1913–1915 to 1928;
- Argus law reports (Australia), v. 1 (1895) to v. 35 (1929);
- Tasmanian law reports (Australia), 1897 to 1928;
- Reports of tax cases (Gt. Brit.), v. 1 (1875–1883) to v. 14 (1928–1929);
- Lahore law journal (India), v. 1 (1919) to v. 9 (1927);
- Irish Free State law reports, 1923 to 1929;
- Northern Ireland law reports, 1925 to 1929;
- Philippine Islands reports, v. 33 (1915–1916) to v. 51 (1927–1928);
- Coleccion legislativa de España:
 - Jurisprudencia administrativa, v. 39 (1916, v. 2) to v. 44 (1919, v. 1);
 - Jurisprudencia civil, v. 56 (1916 v. 4) to v. 91 (1927), v. 1), and
 - Jurisprudencia criminal, v. 41 (1918, v. 1) to v. 48 (1921, v. 2);
- Australian law journal, v. 1 (1927–1928) to v. 2 (1928–1929);
- China law review, v. 1 (1922–1924) to v. 3 (1926–1929);
- Dakota law review, v. 1 (1927) to date;
- Massachusetts law quarterly, v. 1 (1915–1916) to date;
- National university law review, v. 6 (1926) to date;
- New Zealand law journal, v. 1 (1925–1926) to v. 5 (1929–1930);
- Revue internationale de droit penal, v. 1 (1924) to v. 6 (1929);
- Revue juridique internationale de la locomotion aerienne, v. 1 (1910) to v. 13 (1929);
- Southern California law review, v. 1 (1927–1928) to date;
- State bar journal (California) (2 sets), v. 1–2 (1926–1928) to date.

ORGANIZING DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. May Dexter Henshall, in charge.

The activities of the Library Organizer and the temporary Library Visitor have been varied. During Mr. Ferguson's absence in South Africa, the Library Organizer, Mrs. Henshall, was kept in the office more than had been customary and Miss Edith Gantt was employed to

do much of the visiting. While no county libraries have been established during this biennium, direct work has been done by visits in five counties—Calaveras, Mendocino, Mono, Sonoma and Yuba—and indirect work by written and printed information in all the others. An appreciable gain has been made in some instances.

Nearly all counties with county libraries have been visited.

County library talks have been given at the following places:

Rural School Supervisors Conference during convention of county, city and district school superintendents at Del Monte, October, 1928.

Merced County Library Custodians Meeting, October, 1928.

Kiwanis Club, Sonoma, Sonoma County, October, 1929.

Northern District Federation of Women's Clubs, Placerville, El Dorado County, April, 1929.

Rural Teachers Club, Fairfield, Solano County, January, 1930.

Publicity Section, American Library Association, Los Angeles, June, 1930.

Mrs. Henshall has continued to conduct the Library News Department of the Western Journal of Education and interesting articles on timely subjects as well as news items have appeared each month. This service has been carried on continuously since 1925. Besides this regular publicity work the following articles have been prepared:

"The Rural School With and Without County Library Service," December, 1928, issue of School Life, published by Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

"California County Free Libraries," August, 1929, issue of the Library Journal.

Article on California State Library for Book Week Number of Los Angeles School Journal.

Article on State Library for Real Estate Association Magazine.

Article for Year Book of National Society for Study of Education.

"California County Libraries Serve Rural Schools," for magazine, Our Nation's Schools, published in Chicago.

Mrs. Henshall has served on several committees connected with her work, such as the Publicity and Legislative committees of the California Library Association, as State Publicity Chairman for the American Library Association for 1928-1929 and 1929-1930 and on the School Library Committee of Los Angeles County, 1930. Her attendance at conventions has meant a great deal to the State Library in the way of contracts made and information gathered. Among those meetings outside of the library field may be noted the annual meetings of county, city and district superintendents of schools; a session of the state convention of boards of supervisors of California to hear discussions on the county budget law; and the meeting of the Northern District Federation of Women's Clubs at Placerville.

Another service performed by the organizer and valuable in spreading information is attendance at exhibits. This includes the annual State Fair booth at Sacramento and during this particular biennium covered also the American Library Association exhibit prepared by the California State Library for the meeting of the National Conference of Social Work at Oakland, where Mrs. Henshall was in charge.

The course given for one semester each year at the School of Librarianship, University of California, has been continued by Mrs. Henshall. This is on library laws and county library administration.

A large collection of county library pictures was transferred this year from the Documents Department to the Organizing Department. Much work has been done on this collection and assistance was given in the selection of pictures from which slides were made on the California county library system at the American Library Association Conference in Los Angeles.

During the legislative session a great deal of time is consumed in watching bills relating to libraries. The daily histories and journals are followed and reports made from time to time to the librarians of the state and constantly to those especially concerned.

Many letters and conferences relating to county libraries occupy considerable time of the organizer. Among the conferences it is always interesting to record those with visitors from other states and countries. Notable examples this biennium have been:

Dr. Norman Black, Chairman Public Library Commission, Province of British Columbia.

Mme. Anna Kravtchenko, Commissariat of Education, Department of Adult Education, Moscow, Russia.

Sigurgeir Fridriksson, Librarian, Rey Kjavik, Iceland, the only trained librarian in Iceland.

Mathew M. Stirling, Librarian, Germiston Carnegie Public Library, South Africa.

Miss Margaret Demchevsky, only trained librarian in Bulgaria.

Closely related to this item is the work done by the organizer when proposed library laws of other states are occasionally sent to the State Library for suggestions and criticisms.

Altogether, this seems to have been a particularly profitable two years in the way of publicity if not in organizing results. The reasons for the latter situation are complicated and too lengthy for the scope of this report.

PERIODICALS DEPARTMENT.

Dora M. Himmelsbach, in charge.

We now receive currently 1125 magazines and 183 newspapers, including 82 dailies and 101 weeklies. The number of magazines shows a decrease from the last report's figures due to the fact that some magazines are now recorded in other ways.

PRINTS DEPARTMENT.

Bertha S. Taylor, in charge.

Since the opening of the Prints Room, August 15, 1928, fourteen exhibitions have been made in the Prints Room and three in the fifth-floor gallery. There were 5326 visitors recorded—not including those to the fifth-floor gallery. During the first few months no record was kept. Up to the end of June 2565 prints had been cataloged; 56 of these, which were very dirty and badly stained, have been restored. Sixteen talks on prints have been given to groups of people, seven of which were outside of the library. A survey of picture collections in California libraries was made to determine the number, kind and

methods of administration. Three collections of material for exhibition purposes were routed among California libraries—two on prints from the National Museum and one of pictorial biography from the Roosevelt Memorial Association of New York.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Beulah Mumm, in charge.

Author requests looked up-----	61,000
Subject requests looked up-----	12,598
Shipments sent out-----	29,813
Books circulated-----	122,497
Pictures circulated-----	1,444
New local borrowers enrolled-----	1,517
Request slips stamped and mailed-----	84,201
Receipt postals typed-----	30,659

The fact that the biennium has seen the enrollment of 1,517 new local borrowers proves that Sacramento residents are appreciating and using the new building.

The large increase in circulation might be attributed to two things: one, that a large amount of older material which, in the old building, was packed up on account of lack of space, is now available for use; the other, that the State Prison at San Quentin is borrowing great numbers of books for use in its vocational training classes among the inmates.

SHIPPING, PRINTING AND PHOTOSTATING DEPARTMENT.

William H. Lugg, in charge.

Some important phases of State Library work not usually reported on might well form a statistical part of this report.

Our shipping, photostat and printing work is all done under one head. During the past two years, our incoming shipments consisted of 21,548 by parcel post, 3276 by express and 173 by freight. The outgoing shipments totaled 30,891 by parcel post, 1150 by express and 6 by freight.

We record our printing by the number of different copies of the various blanks we print on our multi-color press. During the two years we have printed a total of 912,047.

The photostat is used for reproducing short extracts from large bound periodicals and material that can not be allowed to leave the library, such as newspapers and rare books. Each exposure made with the photostat is recorded. These amounted to 3466 for the past two years. Photostatic copies are loaned when of general interest and sold to the borrower when on a special subject which might not be used again or when the borrower needs them for permanent record.

SUTRO.

Helen M. Bruner, in charge.

Progress is being made on the cataloging of the Sutro collection but no report can yet be given on how much still remains to be done. The exhibit from the Sutro Branch at the Golden Gate Park Museum in the Pen Women's Book Fair attracted a great deal of attention.

Hundreds of unpublished records of the D. A. R. are on file at the Sutro Branch, giving us access to information concerning the ancestry of many California families. Miss Bruner as Chairman of Publications for the D. A. R. is to be complimented on the printed volume of such records issued this spring. She compiled this and saw it through the press.

We are indebted to the San Francisco Public Library for the continued courtesy of the use of more than a full floor of its stack, and for desk room in the Catalog Department and the Reference Room. The spirit of cooperation shown by Mr. Rea and his staff and the generosity of the Library Board in providing these quarters are greatly appreciated.

A PERSONAL WORD.

Two years ago in a paragraph "to my associates" I tried to express my feeling and gratitude to the librarians of California for their splendid support and cordial friendship. Then I was leaving, temporarily, on a mission into a distant country, and expected to come back to the old paths wherein my feet had found such pleasant going. Now, I am about to depart to take up permanent duties elsewhere. This report is a last official act at the end of twenty-three years of service in California. During that time many changes have taken place in the work; librarians have come, some have moved on to other places, and many have made themselves a part of the structure which always produces a feeling of pride in the heart of everyone privileged to have shared in its building. Strong friendships, lay and professional, have been welded during the years; friendships which, it is believed, mere distance will not break. Few occupations can pay a better dividend, and in a coin that so little tarnishes by time.

The members of my own staff, I want it to be known, have worked with me in a spirit of loyalty and harmony unsurpassable. They have shown commendable interest in the duties which occupied their hands and their heads. They have responded, always, to public demand with intelligence, interest and courtesy, which have done much to build up the State Library's reputation for excellent service cheerfully given. In all these years, I have yet to learn of a patron for whom every effort was not made, be he high official or dusty wayfayer. Many men and women of California have come upon the staff in their teens, and have found the library a fair substitute for the college they could not attend. In the course of events most of them have gone into other fields where they are acquitting themselves creditably. Others have remained, and serve well and faithfully. I trust that all, beginners and veterans alike, may long continue in this occupation which has given them knowledge of joy in service. Particularly, my good wishes go out to my assistant, my secretary and to heads of departments, whose steadfast support and sympathy made all accomplishments doubly satisfactory.

In California, fortunately, the librarians stand in a compact professional body. I have felt, always, that whatever particular phase of the work engaged their attention they are all working shoulder to shoulder in behalf of better things for the people of the state. When duty has called, whether in town or country, they have responded with great zeal, courage and intelligence. It has been my constant desire to

make the State Library a factor in their plans, to place its resources at the call of all librarians whether they serve municipalities, counties, special groups or schools and colleges.

If any part of the state organization may be said to have been somewhat closer to me than another, it must, of course, be the county librarians. As the newer members of the big library family they have naturally enjoyed the fruits of juniority. Their friendliness, so indelibly expressed at a breakfast during the American Library Association conference at Los Angeles, in the form of an inscribed copy of Dr. Melville Best Anderson's translation of Dante so splendidly printed by Dr. John Henry Nash, became a crown to my satisfaction in service in California. Words in any dictionary at my command seem weak to voice my thanks—for the beautiful volumes and more especially for the sentiment of their giving.

We all realize that the main consideration in any public service is the quality and continuity of that effort and not its personal pawns. Sometimes, human nature being what it is, we are constrained to place higher values on our individual parts in the great drama. Fortunately things go on, the great audience little noting the comings and goings of the actors. In California those in position to see are convinced that library work is unquestionably moving steadily to more creditable and fuller participation in the cultural, practical and recreational life of the people. To have been a part of this movement, to have been associated with the librarians and the state officials, to have been a part of clubs of several kinds, to have served the citizenry of California—these privileges are not to be forgot.

Statement of Income and Expenditures of the State Library for the Period July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1930, for the Eightieth and Eighty-first Fiscal Years

	Eightieth Fiscal Year	Eighty-first Fiscal Year
Income:		
Appropriation, chapter 142, 1927.....	\$151,175 00	
Appropriation, chapter 39, 1929.....		\$162,850 00
Expenditures:	162,460 01	156,762 54
Salaries and wages.....	\$105,758 91	\$112,021 59
Materials and supplies.....	10,456 29	5,454 09
Service and expense.....	6,964 25	7,046 59
Accessions and equipment.....	39,280 56	32,240 27
Excess expenditure over income.....	\$11,285 01	
Excess income over expenditure.....		\$6,087 46
Recapitulation:		
Income from appropriations.....	\$151,175 00	\$162,850 00
Add:		
Balance on hand July 1, 1928.....	10,785 06	
Revolving fund.....	500 00	
	\$162,460 06	
Expenditures.....	162,460 01	156,762 54
Accumulated excess income (reverts to General Fund).....		
Fund).....	\$0 05	
Accumulated excess income (balance, July 1, 1930).....		\$ 6,087 46

At the end of the biennium there are outstanding orders amounting to \$2,300 to be paid out of the balance of \$6,087.46. See note at end of Statement of Expenditures.

REPORT OF STATE LIBRARIAN

Statement of Expenditures of the State Library for the Period July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1930, for the Eightieth and Eighty-first Fiscal Years

	Eightieth fiscal year	Eighty-first fiscal year	Total
Salaries and wages:			
State Librarian	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00	\$10,000 00
Assistant State Librarian	875 81	3,900 00	4,775 81
Organization	4,212 10	2,831 67	7,043 77
Clerical and office	5,640 00	5,695 35	11,335 35
Department heads and assistants	49,932 19	49,247 93	99,180 12
Clerks and messengers	16,860 84	18,981 04	35,841 88
Home teachers	3,420 00	3,480 00	6,900 00
Ship and book repair	11,938 67	12,773 73	24,712 40
Janitors, elevator operator	7,879 30	9,511 87	17,391 17
Accounting pro rata		600 00	600 00
	\$105,758 91	\$112,021 59	\$217,780 50
Materials and supplies:			
Clerical and office	\$1,272 14	\$943 80	\$2,215 94
Printing	3,143 00	2,968 30	6,111 30
Shipping and book repair	1,255 82	1,349 05	2,604 87
Janitors and elevator operator	305 33	192 94	498 27
National statutory hall	4,480 00		4,480 00
	\$10,456 29	\$5,454 09	\$15,910 38
Service and expense:			
Librarian, travel	\$334 15	\$554 49	\$888 64
Assistant librarian, travel	27 10	253 05	280 15
Organization, travel	555 52	496 56	1,052 08
Department heads and assistants, travel	191 84	339 36	531 20
Home teachers, travel	743 75	904 56	1,648 31
Clerical and office	599 57	231 41	830 98
Communications	757 74	727 77	1,485 51
Freight, cartage and express	453 45	535 28	988 73
Janitors, elevator operator	66 36	60 50	126 86
Postage	2,696 17	2,495 42	5,191 59
Auto upkeep	308 60	448 19	756 79
National statutory hall	230 00		230 00
Totals	\$6,964 25	\$7,046 59	\$14,010 84
Accessions and equipment:			
General books	\$15,028 21	\$11,863 80	\$26,892 01
General continuations and subscriptions	6,327 92	6,721 21	13,049 13
Law books	2,678 10	*2,779 92	5,458 02
Law continuations and subscriptions	2,786 84	2,828 20	5,615 04
Blind—books, etc.	1,739 92	*1,880 62	3,620 54
Prints	2,524 71	2,000 75	4,525 46
Binding	5,085 29	*2,577 95	7,663 24
Catalog cards	816 97	1,053 59	1,870 56
Clerical and office	2,292 60	534 23	2,826 83
Totals	\$39,280 56	\$32,240 27	\$71,520 83
Grand totals	\$162,460 01	\$156,762 54	\$319,222 55

*At the end of the biennium there are outstanding orders as follows to be paid out of the balance on hand: General books, \$725.00; law books, \$75.00; blind—books, etc., \$100.00; binding, \$1,400.00.

Accessions to the State Library July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1930

	Number at last report, June 30, 1928	Added from July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1930						Grand total
		Purchase	Gift	Binding	Exchange	Lost and withdrawn	Total	
Main Library, including law and Californiana.....	276,001	10,147	*2,515	3,633	†1,205	259	17,241	293,242
Books for the blind.....	22,187	1,905	1,686			85	3,506	25,693
Sutro collection.....								94,424
Totals.....								
Prints.....		308	803				1,111	
Photographs.....		539					539	
Posters.....		1					1	
Maps.....		13	54				67	
Maps (cameragraphed).....							3	

*Includes United States government publications.

†Includes state publications.

LIST OF COUNTIES HAVING COUNTY FREE LIBRARIES

Statistics of July 1, 1929

County	Librarian	Established	Income, 1928-29 ¹	Books, etc.	Branches	Total active school dists. in county ²	Active school dists. that have joined
Alameda.....	Mary Barmby.....	Sept. 26, 1910	\$60,021 00	170,155	95	53	37
Amador.....	Mrs. Henrietta G. Eudey.....	June 2, 1919	7,092 36	23,371	39	32	27
Butte.....	Ida M. Reagan.....	Sept. 3, 1913	18,553 09	78,833	89	64	56
Colusa.....	Mrs. Ella P. Morse.....	June 8, 1915	12,407 50	a. 59,860	44	32	27
Contra Costa.....	Mrs. Alice G. Whitbeck.....	July 21, 1913	62,954 14	202,443	109	64	58
Fresno.....	Sarah E. McCardle.....	Mar. 12, 1910	148,400 66	466,017	241	171	156
Glenn.....	Mrs. Faye K. Russell.....	April 8, 1914	17,844 68	63,318	51	42	36
Humboldt.....	Edna D. Davis.....	May 12, 1914	18,757 59	112,663	152	109	100
Imperial.....	Dorothy Deming.....	Feb. 6, 1912	21,168 96	92,042	63	55	50
Inyo.....	Anne Margrave.....	Sept. 15, 1913	10,057 34	32,785	40	29	28
Kern.....	Mrs. Julia G. Babcock.....	Nov. 16, 1910	129,651 01	280,282	190	103	98
Kings.....	Mrs. Harriet S. Davids.....	June 4, 1912	27,351 63	132,864	57	42	38
Lassen.....	Lenala A. Martin.....	Sept. 7, 1915	14,846 97	53,846	64	36	35
Los Angeles.....	Helen E. Vogleson.....	Sept. 5, 1912	206,943 01	588,630	264	149	108
Madera.....	Blanche Galloway.....	May 3, 1910	26,682 64	102,814	70	51	49
Marin.....	Muriel Wright.....	Aug. 3, 1926	15,606 00	8,833	56	48	36
Mariposa.....	Minette L. Stoddard.....	Oct. 4, 1926	3,616 77	5,227	32	27	25
Merced.....	Minette L. Stoddard.....	June 6, 1910	40,068 76	146,405	84	69	58
Modoc.....	Anna L. Williams.....	July 8, 1915	4,755 00	19,844	37	42	32
Monterey.....	Ellen B. Frink.....	Aug. 6, 1912	25,150 00	100,177	126	98	89
Napa.....	Estella DeFord.....	Feb. 9, 1916	10,200 00	34,128	80	49	47
Orange.....	Margaret Livingston.....	Dec. 9, 1919	30,546 24	110,826	65	56	37
Plumas.....	Katherine R. Woods.....	Sept. 7, 1915	13,202 78	46,535	83	28	28
Riverside.....	Chas. F. Woods.....	Nov. 8, 1911	16,747 50	0	91	79	43
Sacramento.....	Cornelia D. Provines.....	Oct. 1, 1908	46,749 26	112,281	117	84	69
San Benito.....	Mrs. Florence W. Townsend.....	Feb. 4, 1918	10,213 77	45,559	76	37	37
San Bernardino.....	Caroline S. Waters.....	July 14, 1913	44,925 04	122,483	135	74	65
San Diego.....	Eleanor Hitt.....	April 5, 1912	40,845 95	107,731	150	120	104
San Francisco ³							
San Joaquin.....	Ida E. Condit.....	Mar. 7, 1910	31,611 13	0	154	92	77
San Luis Obispo.....	Lilian Sabin.....	July 6, 1915	16,344 15	49,922	95	90	81
San Mateo.....		Sept. 5, 1912	22,162 00	a. 204,677	65	41	28
Santa Barbara.....	Mrs. Frances B. Linn.....	Feb. 16, 1910	26,640 00	0	97	66	60
Santa Clara.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Singletary.....	July 20, 1912	31,674 22	155,083	91	81	74
Santa Cruz.....	Minerva H. Waterman.....	Oct. 13, 1916	9,322 88	0	89	54	52
Sierra.....	Katherine R. Woods.....	Aug. 2, 1926	2,529 01	1,023	11	11	7
Siskiyou.....	Celia Gleason.....	June 7, 1915	13,155 71	82,660	148	85	82
Solano.....	†.....	April 6, 1914	26,828 50	99,828	60	50	42
Stanislaus.....	Bessie B. Silverthorn.....	Aug. 14, 1911	29,826 97	109,535	67	68	45
Sutter.....	Frances M. Burket.....	May 9, 1917	14,761 93	53,127	44	37	37
Tehama.....	Anne Bell Bailey.....	Aug. 8, 1916	12,102 36	51,435	71	54	49
Trinity.....	Mrs. Lila D. Adams.....	Sept. 8, 1916	4,620 00	20,274	48	25	25
Tulare.....	Gretchen Flower.....	June 10, 1910	62,180 75	165,285	146	129	102
Tuolumne.....	Mrs. Helen R. Dambacher.....	July 3, 1917	8,479 53	30,705	51	29	25
Ventura.....	Elizabeth R. Topping.....	April 9, 1915	45,270 65	122,963	92	57	53
Yolo.....	Nancy C. Laugenour.....	July 12, 1910	23,795 77	127,083	65	47	41
46.....		O 1,'08-O 4,'26	\$1,466,665 21	a. 4,593,552	4,094	2,859	2,453

¹ The income as given does not include balance in fund, July 1, 1928.

² Includes elementary and high.

³ San Francisco city and county are coterminous. The city library therefore covers the entire county. For statistics see under "Public Libraries, etc.," next page.

* Appointment of Clara B. Dills effective August 1, 1930.

† Edith Gantt appointed librarian July 7, 1930, to begin work August 1.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY EXAMINERS

Milton J. Ferguson, State Librarian, Chairman.

Robert Rea, Librarian, San Francisco Public Library, Secretary.

Everett R. Perry, Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library.

Sections 6 and 7 of the county free library law (Chap. 68, Cal. Statutes 1911) read as follows:

SEC. 6. A commission is hereby created to be known as the board of library examiners, consisting of the state librarian, who shall be ex officio chairman of the said board, the librarian of the public library of the city and county of San Francisco, and the librarian of the Los Angeles public library.

SEC. 7. Upon the establishment of a county free library, the board of supervisors shall appoint a county librarian, who shall hold office for the term of four years, subject to prior removal for cause, after a hearing by said board. No person shall be eligible to the office of county librarian unless, prior to his appointment, he has received from the board of library examiners a certificate of qualification for the office. At the time of his appointment, the county librarian need not be a resident of the county nor a citizen of the State of California.

Examinations.

Two examinations have been held this biennium: 1. Los Angeles, June 10, and Sacramento, June 15, 1929; 2. Los Angeles, May 24, and Sacramento, May 29, 1930.

Twenty-seven candidates took the examinations and fifteen passed.

Three life certificates were granted.

Certificate Holders.

Adams, Mrs Lila (Dobell), Ln. Trinity County Free Library, Weaverville.	Fee, Helen A., Asst. San Mateo County Free Library, Redwood City.
Babcock, Mrs Julia G., Ln. Kern County Free Library, Bakersfield. (Life certificate.)	Ferguson, Milton J., Ln. State Library, Sacramento.
Bailey, Anne Bell, Ln. Tehama County Free Library, Red Bluff. (Life certificate.)	Flower, Gretchen L., Ln. Tulare County Free Library, Visalia. (Life certificate.)
Barmby, Mary, Ln. Alameda County Free Library, Oakland. (Life certificate.)	Frink, Ellen B., Ln. Monterey County Free Library, Salinas.
Beardsley, Mrs Arline Davis, Asst. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana.	Fyock, Bertha E., Asst. Ventura County Free Library, Ventura.
Burket, Frances M., Ln. Sutter County Free Library, Yuba City.	Galloway, Blanche, Ln. Madera County Free Library, Madera.
Cowles, Mrs Barbara, Mrs Thomas Cowles, Asst. Oakland Free Library, Oakland.	Gibson, Hazel G., Asst. Sacramento County Free Library, Sacramento.
Culver, Essae M., Exec. Sec. Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge, La.	Gillis, Mabel R., Asst. Ln. State Library, Sacramento.
Dambacher, Mrs Helen (Rowland), Mrs Gustav Dambacher, Ln. Tuolumne County Free Library, Sonora.	Gleason, Celia, Ln. Siskiyou County Free Library, Yreka.
Davids, Mrs Harriet Snyder, Ln. Kings County Free Library, Hanford.	Greene, Margaret, Asst. Contra Costa County Free Library, Martinez.
Davis, Edna D., Ln. Humboldt County Free Library, Eureka.	Hadden, Anne, Ln. Public Library, Palo Alto. (Life certificate.)
De Ford, Estella, Ln. Napa County Free Library, Napa. (Life certificate.)	Hall, Roxie, Asst. Monterey County Free Library, Salinas.
Deming, Dorothy, Ln. Imperial County Free Library, El Centro.	Harris, Mary W., Ln. Webster Parish Library, Minden, La.
Dills, Clara B., Ln. San Mateo County Free Library, Redwood City. (Life certificate.)	Hill, Grace, Asst. Public Library, Kansas City, Mo.
Eudey, Mrs Henrietta G., Mrs. Fred Eudey, Ln. Amador County Free Library, Jackson.	Hitt, Eleanor, Ln. San Diego County Free Library, San Diego. (Life certificate.)
	Hooker, D. Ashley, Technology Ln. Public Library, Birmingham, Ala.
	Jackson, Joy Belle, Asst. State Teachers College Library, San Jose.

- Jones, Louise E., Asst. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Kilburn, Mrs Marie (Fechet), Asst. Merced County Free Library, Merced.
- Kobler, Marjorie H., Asst. San Diego County Free Library, San Diego.
- Kyle, Eleanore, Ln. San Bernardino Polytechnic High School Library, San Bernardino.
- Laugenour, Nancy C., Ln. Yolo County Free Library, Woodland.
- Linn, Mrs Frances Burns, Ln. Santa Barbara Free Public Library and Santa Barbara County Free Library, Santa Barbara.
- Livingston, Margaret E., Ln. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana. (Life certificate.)
- Long, Mary O., Asst. Kern County Free Library, Bakersfield.
- McCardle, Sarah E., Ln. Fresno County Free Library, Fresno. (Life certificate.)
- McCright, Edith C., Asst. Public Library, El Paso, Texas.
- Margrave, Anne, Ln. Inyo County Free Library, Independence.
- Martin, Lenala A., Ln. Lassen County Free Library, Susanville. (Life certificate.)
- Morse, Mrs Ella (Packer), Mrs Guy Morse, Ln. Colusa County Free Library, Colusa.
- Morse, Marion, Ln. Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, T. H.
- Mumm, Beulah, Reference Ln. State Library, Sacramento.
- Nourse, Louis M., Ln. Queensboro Library, Jamaica, Long Island.
- Perry, Everett R., Ln. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Provines, Cornelia D., Ln. Sacramento County Free Library, Sacramento. (Life certificate.)
- Rea, Robert, Ln. Public Library, San Francisco.
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- Russell, Mrs Faye (Kneeshaw) Mrs. Ralph H. Russell Ln. Glenn County Free Library, Willows.
- Sabin, Lilian, Ln. San Luis Obispo County Free Library, San Luis Obispo.
- Shaw, W. Lawrence, Asst. Ventura County Free Library, Ventura.
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- Waters, Caroline S., Ln. San Bernardino County Free Library, San Bernardino.
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REPORT OF STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

The California State Geographic Board was appointed by Governor C. C. Young on December 13, 1928.

It is the function of a geographic board to supervise the selection of new place names, to pass upon the merits of proposed names, to rectify, where possible, errors in existing nomenclature, to determine and record the significance (origin) of place names, and to prepare and publish catalogs and gazetteers.

Having no funds to defray transportation costs of members it has been impossible to assemble the Board for a meeting. Most of the work to date has been carried on by correspondence. It has been possible for the chairman, incidental to other business, to meet individually with the members of the Board and brief discussions of program and policy have been had in this way. It is earnestly desired that one or two meetings of the entire Board be held each biennium, so that the work may be planned more effectively and concertedly.

To date the following activities have been initiated:

(1) *A superficial survey of the map resources pertaining to California.* This consists of a hurried analysis of the map materials contained in libraries in California and elsewhere. At the present time there exists no adequate bibliography of maps of California. Libraries have no means of identifying adequately the maps in their collections or of knowing the identity of maps offered for sale through the trade. Historical students have no way of determining the basis or sequence of maps relating to the state save by laborious individual research or correspondence. There is need for a comprehensive analytical bibliography of California maps from the earliest times down to the present. Such a bibliography is indispensable to the activities of the board in determining the origin and application of many place names. No one library has anywhere near a complete collection of the maps pertaining to California and such a bibliography can only be prepared by a trained librarian able to visit the principal public and institutional libraries and some of the private collections in the state as well as a few of the large institutional collections in the central and eastern states.

(2) *Decisions regarding proposed new place names.* The California Board has, by correspondence, passed upon the merits of several proposals and made recommendations to the United States Geographic Board for the guidance of the latter in usage on maps issued by the Federal government. Numerous local proposals with regard to place name designation are being made, independently of the California Board, but it is hoped, as our activities become better known, these will be referred to the Board for consideration before being made public.

(3) *Determination of place name meanings.* The sources of many place names are known and several books and lists have been published by independent authors. An excellent list of place names of the Sierra Nevada, based on voluminous independent research, was prepared and published by Mr. Farquhar, one of our members, before the establishment of the Board. Other similar local studies are in progress and some of these are being done in cooperation with the

Board. Still others are needed. Some of the data relating to origins are on record, but much is known only to the older local residents. To garner as much of this information as possible a card form has been prepared and distributed, through the State Library and the County Libraries and directly through interested citizens. Several thousand of these cards have been distributed and returns have been received from numerous individuals. These cards will eventually be filed for public reference use in the California Department of the State Library.

(4) *Place name index and gazetteer.* Prior to the establishment of the Board, the present chairman had begun the preparation of a gazetteer, in card catalog form. This is being added to incidentally, as time and opportunity permit. Completion is unlikely under present auspices due to lack of time. Librarians and geographical, historical and biological students at present are forced to spend much time in running down place names, historical or modern, in connection with their respective duties. The other activities of this Board are seriously hampered by the lack of a state-wide gazetteer. There are numerous duplications in the use of names through the state and only a comprehensive gazetteer will enable proper determination of a locality in many instances.

The California State Geographic Board needs a trained librarian to prepare a state-wide gazetteer and map bibliography and to codify information relating to place name origins, and to put this information in form for publication. It is estimated that the sum of \$2,500 per year over a five-year period, or a total of \$12,500, would enable the Board to bring these three projects in form for publication. Thereafter such assistance would not be necessary as only new proposals in nomenclature would require attention and these could be handled as at present. There should also be provided, biennially, a small travel fund to bring the Board members together once each year for discussion. The Board members serve without compensation.

Respectfully submitted.

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